

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration of the subject patent application in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is amended.

New claims 23-25 are added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-19 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krenz et al. (US Patent 5542106; hereinafter “Krenz”), Chatzipetros (US Patent 5554996), and further in view of Vannatta et al. (US Patent 5649306; hereinafter “Vannatta”). For the following reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding claim 1, none of Krenz, Chatzipetros and Vannatta, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or renders foreseeable that the connection portion has electric conductivity, and that the connection portion is arranged away from the conductor element at a distance.

There is no disclosure in Krenz that a connecting portion connecting the first housing element 101 to the second housing element 103 has electric conductivity. Also, the connecting portion of Krenz is not arranged away from the second conductive plate 113 at a distance, but is arranged integrally with second conductive plate 113.

Chatzipetros fails to disclose that the hinge 106 has electric conductivity and is arranged away from the conductor element at a distance.

Vannatta does not disclose that a connecting portion connecting the first housing element 51 to the second housing element 53 has electric conductivity and is arranged away from the conductor element at a distance.

Accordingly, the combination of Krenz, Chatzipetros and Vannatta does not meet all of the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, the asserted combination of Krenz, Chatzipetros and Vannatta does not render claim 1 obvious. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection as it applies to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-19 and 21-22 and new claim 24 which are directly or indirectly dependent from claim 1 should also be allowable for at least the same reason.

Regarding new claim 23, none of Krenz, Chatzipetros and Vannatta, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or renders foreseeable that the second hinge portion is arranged away from the conductor element at the distance, and connected to the feeding portion.

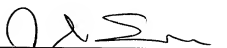
New claim 25 which is dependent from new claim 23 should also be allowable for at least the same reason.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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